HARRIS COUNTY GIS TASK FORCE

MINUTES OF THE March 10, 2005 COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at the offices of the Harris County PHES - Mosquito Control Division

Present:	
Travis Conner	Harris County ITC - JIMS
Randy Davidson	Harris County ITC - JIMS
David Dignum	ESRI
Bryan Dunaway	Harris County Tax Office
Roger Forshee	Harris County ITC - JIMS
Carol Gaines	Harris County ITC - Education and Career Development
Samuel Garcia	Harris County PID - Engineering
Christina Hailey	Harris County PHES - Mosquito Control Division
Bob Kendrick	Harris County Precinct 3
Peter Key	Harris County PID
Candace Marullo	Harris County ITC - Education and Career Development
Charles Monney	Harris County PHES
Stefan Nawrocki	Harris County PHES - Mosquito Control Division
Ashli Prejean	Harris County ITC - JIMS
Amber Thomas	Harris County PID - Storm Water Quality Section
Max Samfield	HGAC
Mike Walters	Harris County PID - Flood Control District
John Wong	Harris County ITC - JIMS

Agenda Item	Action/Discussion/Information	Responsibility	Due Date
Call to Order	Roger Forshee - HC-JIMS called the meeting to order at 2pm	Roger Forshee	Monthly
Adoption of Meeting Minutes for February 17th,2005 Meeting	With no changes, the minutes were unanimously approved and accepted.	All	Monthly
Introductions	There were three visitors: Bryan Dunaway from the Harris County Tax Office, Bob Kendrick from Commissioner Radack's office and Max Samfield from HGAC.	All	Monthly
Review of the March 2, 2005 H-GAC GDC Meeting			
-Star*Map	1st quarterly release for 2005 will be this month.	Max Samfield	Quarterly
-Aerial Photography	The next (April) HGAC meeting will include discussion about the new RFP for next set of aerial imagery.	Roger Forshee	Annually
-Remote Sensing	Some data available from Chris McPhilamy. 1-meter color infrared is available for Harris County now and other will be released soon. The imagery is done during the growing season for more agricultural use and land use analysis.	Max Samfield	N/A
	LIDAR Data will be available soon for Fort Bend County. See Vince Hamilton for more information.	Max Samfield	N/A
-Grant Funding	Outline of DHS grant fund requirements available for HGAC to discuss over the next few months. There are lots of mandates and requirements that need to be addressed.	Max Samfield	On-going
-Go!Sync Software	JIMS has boundary files for testing, and engineering is testing the software with parks data. All agencies continuing to test the update capabilities for the Star*Map. Findings show that ArcSDE 9.0 works best for applications.	Max Samfield	On-going

-Review of the March 2, 2005 H-GAC GDC Meeting Continued	Go!Sync Software funding structures are not set in stone. Proposals and ideas need to be shared with Mr. Samfield for allocation of costs. Costs are likely to change after first year due to increased interest from private industry. This could recover the costs and make it more available for GDC members to have reduced costs for updating. Mr. Forshee noted that there are several concerned agencies about funding. Mrs. Gaines also noted that some type of document with budget justification needs to be available for agencies.	Max Samfield	On-going
	Mr. Samfield suggested that a Policy Committee be formed to set policies and procedures for the Go!Sync software use and data updating. This will help with ownership, accessibility permissions, and fee structure (among others). For more information see Mr. Samfield and offer suggestions.	Max Samfield	On-going
Old Business			
-Migration to ESRI 9.0 Series	No "new" problems. Still resolving ArcSDE issues.	Randy Davidson	On-going
-ABI Data	JIMS has copies of ABI data available. Please let Mr. Davidson know if you need a copy.	Randy Davidson	N/A
New Business			
-ESRI Training at Harris County Facilities	There are several requests from GIS/GPS users that need "applied" training. Mr. Bally, Mr. Walters and Ms. Hailey have all shown interest in coordinating an "Applied GIS/GPS" training session. The tentative date will be sometime in mid-May. If you have staff who need training on using GPS with their GIS or have staff that would like to instruct/guide others please let Ms. Hailey know. Ms. Hailey and Mr. Forshee suggested that the GIS Task Force sponsor more training.	Christina Hailey	On-going
	Mr. Forshee added that maybe Harris County should begin hosting quarterly training sessions. Perhaps breaking the specific tasks into smaller pieces.	Roger Forshee	On-going
	Mr. Kendrick added that the 2010 Technology Task Force has encouraged an increase in training across the county. Precinct 3 has a building with technology capable of high-tech training and large class size. Mr. Kendrick has also agreed that we need to work on funding and site availability for training.	Bob Kendrick	On-going

-ESRI Training at Harris County Facilities Continued	Ms. Marullo addressed the fact that currently ITC is not capable of handling the large numbers of people interested in GIS training. She suggested that perhaps a webcast format could be developed for remote access to training.	Candace Marullo	On-going
	Mr. Dignum has offered to help coordinate a geodatabase class for the updated software. HC Task Force members need to check available facilities and make sure to schedule it at least 2 months in advance. This seminar would be offered at no cost to Harris County.	David Dignum	On-going
-EDN - ESRI Development Network	The EDN is designed to serve GIS developers. The annual subscriptions allow the developer to develop applications for ESRI products (i.e. ArcServer, ArcSDE, and ArcIMS). For more information please visit http://edn.esri.com/ or contact Mr. Dignum.	David Dignum	On-going
Open Forum			
-2010 Technology Task Force	Mr. Key addressed that the 2010 Technology Task Force report from the Geographic Information Systems Committee was ready. He will try to get everyone a copy.	Peter Key	On-going
-New Harris County Internet Site	Mr. Kendrick emphasized that Harris County has a new website that was approved by Commissioner's Court. He hopes to be able to add more GIS information to the site eventually.	Bob Kendrick	N/A
Announcements			
- Next HC GIS Task Force Meeting	**Next HC GIS Task Force Meeting will be held at the HCPHES Mosquito Control Division office on Thursday April 21st at 2pm.**	All	Monthly
Adjournment			
	Mr. Forshee adjourned the meeting at 3pm and a brief presentation by Mr. Dignum about the EDN followed.	Roger Forshee	Monthly